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Take that



Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Mungia (right), 12th Security Forces Squadron, practices using the new security forces retractable baton Tuesday on Staff Sgt. Carlos Perez. During this training exercise, Sergeant Perez poses as an assailant who refuses to cooperate with security forces. Sergeant Mungia is being trained on how to safely use force with the retractable baton. For the complete story see page 5. (Photo by Steve White)

South gate to reopen Monday

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

After being closed to base motorists for about two months, the South Gate will reopen Monday at 6 a.m.

“We decided to open the South Gate because the construction on East Lower Seguin Road has finished,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Spurlin, 12th Security Forces Squadron commander. “Even though the construction on Lower Seguin Road has begun from 1604 to the South Gate, access will be available to the gate using FM 1518.”

Security forces officials ask drivers to use caution when traveling on Lower Seguin Road.

“Even though parts of the road are no longer under construction, motorists should be cautious because there are still portions of the road that are loose and have rough gravel,” added Colonel Spurlin.

South Gate hours are Monday through Friday from 6-8:30 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

“We realize the past couple of months have been difficult

on base drivers, and there have been a lot of issues with the base construction and the gate situation,” said Lt. Col. Chris Kugel, 12th Mission Support Group deputy commander. “We ask that drivers be patient during this time, while we are continuing to improve the gate situation. The opening of the South Gate during peak driving hours should help drivers coming to the base from the FM 1518 area.”

Another way base officials are planning to alleviate traffic congestion is by installing traffic lights at the East Gate intersection. The Texas Department of Transportation is currently installing the lights.

“Though we don’t have a set date on when the lights will be operational, we do know that for seven days before they are officially in operation, they will be flashing to let people know that they will be working soon,” Colonel Spurlin said.

While the opening of the south gate should provide some relief to traffic lines at the main, east and west gates, base officials ask that commuters continue to stagger work reporting times as an additional measure to minimize traffic congestion during peak morning traffic hours.



People traveling to the base from Schertz can turn left on FM 1518 and then right onto Lower Seguin Road to access the south gate which reopens Monday. For further directions, see map on page 3. (Photo by Mike Briggs)

12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training				Wing Flying Hour Program			
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	562nd FTS	563rd FTS			Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
99th FTS	1.0	0.4	Air Force	274	Undergraduate	44	T-1A	3588.2	3510.2	12,184
558th FTS	-1.6	-2.7	Navy	76	International	5	T-6A	5088.0	5253.6	17,290
559th FTS	-3.4	-2.0	International	0	EWC Course	10	T-37B	2741.5	2783.6	8,284
560th FTS	1.5	0.2	NIFT	18	Fundamentals	0	T-38C	2802.6	3003.1	9,729
							T-43	1236.7	1247.8	4,293

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.

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The base gas station pumps will be closed for testing Wednesday from 6:30-10:30 p.m.



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While our goal is to provide the
best programs, products and
services to our customers, there will
be instances when people believe
we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual
to first contact the responsible
organization to allow the unit
commander or manager an
opportunity to ensure professional
and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to
provide satisfaction, the individual
may contact me through the Action
Line. I will ensure each Action Line
call is looked into and a reply is
given by telephone or in writing. I
ask callers to include their name and
telephone number so we may send a
personal response.

Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

Retiree decal wait times

I recently gave up trying to get a new
base decal for my car after waiting a
very long time at the base Retiree
Activities Office in Pitsenbarger Hall.

I followed advice from security forces after
calling them. When I stated I was retired,
they told me decals for my vehicle were
being issued at the RAO. At the time I was
there, the office was manned by one
volunteer trying to help all the people being
diverted there. The average wait time that
day was more than two hours. I spoke to
other retirees who ventured there on other
days only to face the same problems. There
has to be a better way of treating retirees. If
this is the only place we are to go for decals,
can you make arrangements to handle the
volume of customers?

I apologize for the long wait you
encountered at the Retiree Activities
Office. The person volunteering that
day was not as familiar with the decal

system as others who staff the office. A
second volunteer later assisted him and the
wait time decreased significantly. As a
retiree, you can register your vehicles at
either the temporary visitor reception center
at the east gate or at the RAO.

A related issue is an Air Force-wide
shortage of year stickers for those
registering or re-registering vehicles. If
security forces does not have the stickers in
stock when you visit, they will mail them to
you upon receipt to alleviate another trip to
the visitor reception center or RAO.
Randolph reached an agreement with
Lackland Air Force Base and Ft. Sam
Houston to allow entry to those with
Randolph registration and ‘04 decals until
the shortage subsides.

Again, I apologize for your delay at the
RAO. All organizations on base, including
the hard-working volunteer staff at the RAO,
strive to give our retiree population the same
level of customer service as our active duty
members. If you have further comments or

Agency contact numbers

12th FTW IG	652-2727
12th FTW Legal Office	652-6781
Base Exchange	674-8917
Civil Engineers	652-2401
Civilian Pay	652-6480
Commissary	652-5102
EEO Complaints	652-3749
Equal Opportunity	652-4376
FW&A Hotline	652-3665
Housing Maintenance	652-1856
Military Pay	652-1851
Randolph Clinic	652-2933
Safety Office	652-2224
Security Forces	652-5509
Services	652-5971
Straight Talk	652-7469
Transportation	652-4314

questions concerning the vehicle registration
process, please contact Lt. Col. Steve
Spurlin, commander of the 12th Security
Forces Squadron, at 652-5500.

No diesel at service station

I recently went to Fort Knox, Ky., for
a grandson’s boot-camp graduation.
While there, I noticed at one of the
gas stations they had a diesel pump,
which I use, and put in \$100 worth for my
trip back to Texas. How come Randolph
doesn’t sell diesel fuel at the base service
station?

Thanks for your note. Although the
Army and Air Force Exchange Service
offers diesel fuel at some exchanges,
AAFES does not currently have
enough demand at Randolph to justify the
expense of adding diesel tanks and
dispensers. If demand for diesel fuel
increases in our area, AAFES will consider
offering it at our service station.

OIF cause understood by many Iraqis

By Staff Sgt.
Lindsey Maurice
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – I
vividly remember the day when
President Bush first declared that
American troops were going into
Iraq. I remember the incessant
news coverage of some Iraqis’
negative comments about the war
and about Americans. But my
recent arrival in Iraq has shown
me the side of Iraqis that the
media ignored then.

On that first day, the war was
the lead headline in every paper,
the lead story on every news
channel. MTV even aired
specials on what was going on.

I remember footage of those
first blasts and our troops going
in. I remember the President
coming before the American
people several more times. But
most of all I remember the news
media’s footage of Iraqi citizens.
In interview after interview you
heard Iraqi men and young boys
degrading Americans. The news
stations showed footage of Iraqi
men protesting our help and
attacking our people.

Now, I’m not saying that this
type of belief isn’t felt by some
Iraqi citizens. I am fully aware it

is the belief of some that
Americans are bad people and
have no business in Iraq. If this
were not the case then the
Airmen, Soldiers, Marines and
Sailors who made the ultimate
sacrifice while serving in Iraq
instead would be at home with
their families right now.

But I can’t help but believe
that they fought for a good cause
and that their efforts are
appreciated by many Iraqi
citizens. As Americans we
understand the importance of
freedom. And that is our “good
cause” – to share freedom with
people who could not achieve
that goal on their own.

In the few days that I have
spent here in Iraq I already have
experienced the respect and
kindness of Iraqi men. Two
incidents in particular come to
mind when I think of this
kindness.

This first incident happened
when another Airman and I were
driving through a muddy field
and got our vehicle stuck. As at
least eight different people
walked or drove by and ignored
our predicament, two young
Iraqi men stopped what they
were doing and came over to
help the best they could. Both
were wearing dress shoes. They



Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Currently deployed from
12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

went to the extent of taking them
off, rolling up their pant legs and
pushing the car with my troop as
I put the pedal to the metal. The
four of us spent at least 30
minutes in the cold and mud
trying to get it out, until we
finally gave up and walked to our
office to get the car towed. These
two gentlemen may not have
been able to fix our problem but
they did everything they could to
help when we were in need.

The second act of kindness
was a little simpler, but meant
just as much to me. It happened
when I was making a purchase
at a small BX trailer on base.
As the young Iraqi gentleman
behind the counter rang up my
purchase I couldn’t help but
appreciate how kind and
courteous he was. He carried a
friendly smile the entire time

and after handing me my bag
extended his hand and said
thank you. He actually shook
my hand. I realize to some this
may not sound like much, but
in my 23 years of existence I
have never had anyone working
at a store shake my hand and
say thank you.

It is incidents like these that
make me proud to be a member
of the United States Air Force
and proud to be part of such an
important mission as Operation
Iraqi Freedom. I ask those who
question our mission because of
the negative things they may
have seen and heard to
remember these little incidents.

There are those men and
women in this far-off country
who want to be free, deserve to
be free, and with our help can
be free!

Congratulations Retirees

Today
Senior Master Sgt. Elwood Burney
Air Education and Training Command

Master Sgt. Eugene Carter
Electronic System Center

Master Sgt. Daniel Derlein
Electronic System Center

Retirement announcements should be submitted to the Wingspread office by noon Friday two weeks prior to the desired date of publication.
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Randolph officers earn promotions

By 1st Lt. LaShonda Bush
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Twenty-five Randolph officers were recently notified of their promotion to a higher rank.

Eight people were selected in the Calendar Year 2004A Medical Corps and Dental Corps Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel and Major Central Selection Board.

The colonel selectee is Lt. Col. Steven Bartel, 12th Aeromedical Dental Squadron. Majors selected for lieutenant colonel are Patrick Lowry and Joseph Chozinski, Air Education and Training Command, and Carlo Demandante and Keith Hunsaker, 12th ADS.

Captains selected for major are Jeanette Gonzalez, Pamela Nguyen and Joshua Sacha, 12th Medical Operations Squadron.

Six captains were selected for promotion to major in the CY04A Judge Advocate General Major Central Selection Board. The promotees are Bryan Davis, 12th Flying Training Wing, Michelle Allen-McCoy, Nathan Kearns, Jeffrey Palomino and Marvin Tubbs, Air Force Legal Services Agency, and James Smith, Air Force Personnel Center.

Eleven first lieutenants were picked for promotion in the CY04C captain board. The selectees are John Turner and James Caldwell, AETC, Amy Render, Air Force Recruiting Service, Lindsey Covey and Darrin Hall, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, Brian McKay,

1 Manpower Requirements Squadron, Amanda Kitchen, 12th Operations Group, Jamohn Hayden, 12th Operations Support Squadron, Amy Garrett and Richard Verica, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, and Audrey Montgomery, 12th MDOS.

Air Force officials selected 117 judge advocate general and medical service corps captains for promotion to major. Officials said 139 officers were considered.

Because of different competitive categories, officials' project promotion results are to be released for line officers in May and for nurse corps officers in July. Under new procedures, promotion packages for line and nurse corps officers' competitive categories will be held until nine months before the first projected pin-on date.

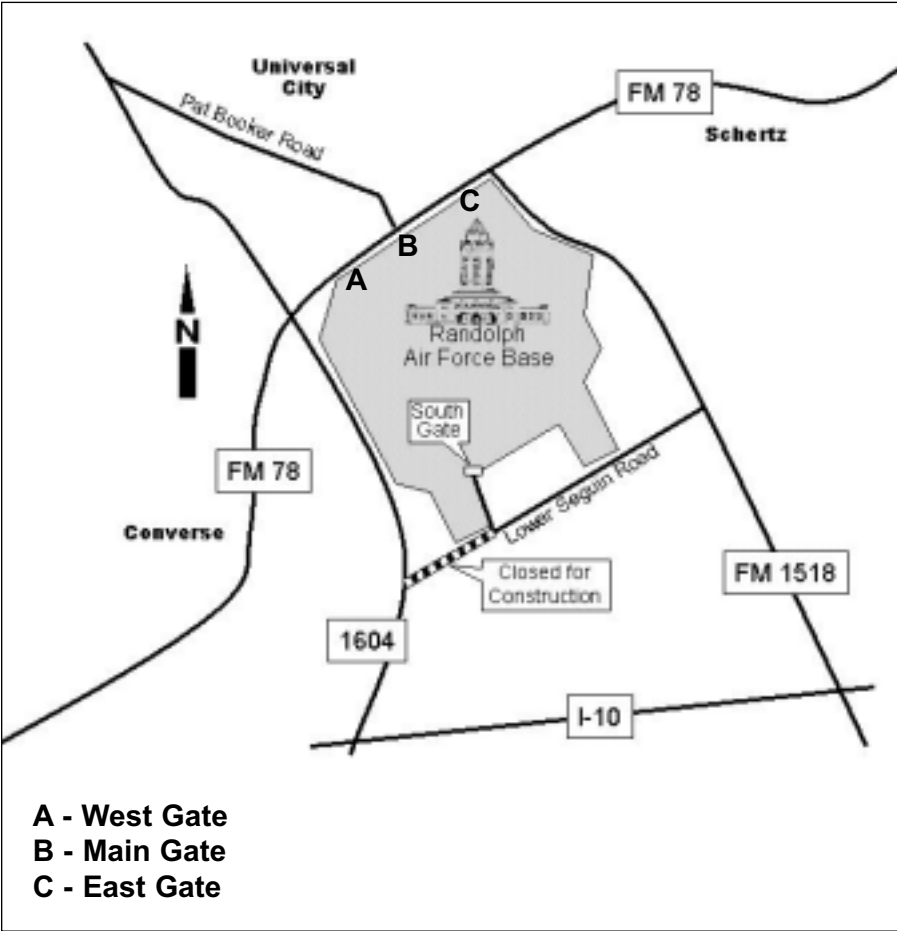
There was no below-the-zone promotion opportunity to major.

The Medical and Dental Central Selection Board selected 67 lieutenant colonels, 144 majors and 400 captains for promotion. The board considered 1,331 officers. There was no consideration for below-the-promotion zone for major.

The captain promotion process selected 931 lieutenants for promotion to captain. The captain's process considered 949 officers.

The entire list in each promotion category is on the Air Force Personnel Center's homepage at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/offprom/.

South gate reopens



This map shows the route people can take to use Randolph's South Gate when it reopens Monday. From FM 78, take FM 1518 south to Lower Seguin Road. From Interstate 10, take FM 1518 north to Lower Seguin Road. Commuters should note that Lower Seguin Road is under construction between Loop 1604 and the south gate, so there is no access to or from the base along that stretch of road. South gate hours are Monday through Friday from 6-8:30 a.m. and from 4-6 p.m. The main gate is open from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for incoming traffic and from 3-6 p.m. for outbound traffic. The east gate is open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Drivers may not turn left out of the east gate from 6-9 a.m. and from 4-5:30 p.m. The west gate is open 24 hours a day.

Quarterly award winners



The Team Randolph quarterly award winners for October-December 2004 were announced at a ceremony Wednesday at the enlisted club. Pictured are (left to right) Col. George Duda, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander; Capt. Derrick Varner, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter; Master Sgt. Stephen Ivey, Senior NCO of the Quarter; Joe Luera accepting on behalf of Tech. Sgt. Chad Wittnebel, NCO of the Quarter; Airman 1st Class Alexander Larsen, Junior Enlisted Member of the Quarter; Charlotte Guilmenot, Civilian Category III winner; Timothy Borden, Civilian Category II winner; Harold Keyes accepting on behalf of Preston Pruitt, Civilian Category I winner; Staff Sgt. Angela Harris, NCO in the Honor Guard category; Airman 1st Class Charlie Freeman, Airman in the Honor Guard category; and Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sergeant, 12th FTW command chief master sergeant. The selection process for the awards starts at the squadron level, then winners compete at the staff or group level, followed by the wing or agency competition. The winners represent the quarter's best performers from the entire Randolph team. (Photo by Medora Arnaud)

Consulate issues travel warning for Mexican border town

By Michael Briggs
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Due to a significant increase in kidnappings and missing Americans over the past six months, the United States Consulate in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, has issued a warning to people who live, visit or work in the border area.

Located about 150 miles south of San Antonio, the popular shopping and winter tourist region along the U.S.-Mexican border with Laredo, Texas, has been marred by at least 27 cases of missing or kidnapped Americans since August.

According to the consulate's warning, the kidnappings have been attributed to attempts in getting quick cash for the exchange of the person's release. Incidents of this nature are common in almost all large cities in Mexico, the release said. The kidnappers appear to target middle and upper class citizens.

"U.S. citizens are urged to be especially aware of safety and

security concerns when traveling through or visiting in Nuevo Laredo," the warning said.

Nuevo Laredo is also considered to have the highest murder rate in Mexico. Most murders have been linked to narcotics and the victims were usually innocent bystanders, according to the warning.

Randolph Air Force Base had previously cancelled a February Information, Tickets and Travel-sponsored shopping trip to Nuevo Laredo, and no future trips are planned until the middle of October, said MariAnne Clark, ITT manager.

In light of the travel warning, Ms. Clark said any future trips would be determined based on the situation at the time.

"We are extremely upset about what has happened," said Michael Yoder, the U.S. consul in Nuevo Laredo, who called the disappearances "far out of the normal range of what can be expected along the border."

In previous years, an average of three or four cases were reported, he said.

Bronze Star awarded



Col. Angela Layman, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Region 4 commander, awards Special Agent Master Sgt. Tim Manning the Bronze Star Jan. 21. Agent Manning was given the award for his duty as superintendent during a deployment in Iraq from February-July 2003. He was one of the first OSI agents in Iraq on the ground after combat operations began. The Bronze Star is the fourth highest COMBAT award. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

NEWS BRIEFS

Annual awards events

Members of the 12th Flying Training Wing are invited to attend an informal ceremony Thursday at 9 a.m. in the base theater to honor nominees for the 2004 annual awards.

At the event, more than 30 military and civilian nominees from the wing agencies and mission support, operations and medical groups receive medallions.

Winners are announced during the annual awards banquet at 6 p.m. in the enlisted club later that day.

Gas pump closure

The Randolph Service Station gas pumps are closed for testing Feb. 2 from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Once the testing is completed the pumps will reopen for credit cards use only until 7 a.m. the following morning.

Soil testing on base

The 12th Civil Engineering Directorate is conducting soil bore tests during the week of Jan 31. Drilling will be done between Bldg. 1075 (Commissary) and Bldg. 260, near Bldg. 230, on the south ramp near the auto hobby shop and between the south ramp and the old firing range.

Composite Health Care System II

The 12th Medical Group is joining the Military Health Service in converting to the Composite Health Care System II, a complete computer-based patient record.

Records are accessible to all providers involved in a patient's care from any clinic that has CHCS II installed. Special alerts notify the provider of any drug allergies, critical laboratory results, or medication incompatibilities patients may have. Wellness reminders inform health staff when a screening exam is due.

Only authorized health professionals with a proper user ID and password may view a record.

Currently, paper records are the only place where past medical history is located. For the time being, back up copies of CHCS II documents are printed out and filed in patients' paper medical records. As the clinical data repository is populated with medical information, reliance on paper records will decrease.

In order to allow time for the staff to gain proficiency on the system, appointment schedules may be adjusted. Acute needs will be met, but access to routine appointments may take longer during the transition to CHCS II.

Randolph celebrates African American History Month

Variety of events scheduled throughout February

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

African American History Month was the first ethnic observance, initiated by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American author and scholar. He started Negro History Week in 1926, evolving into a month-long celebration in 1976, observed every February, according to the Randolph Military Equal Opportunity Office.

Randolph is celebrating African American History Month with a variety of events scheduled throughout the month of February.

The festivities will kick off Tuesday at the library. Every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month, the library is having children's story hours starting at 10 a.m.

On Tuesday afternoon, the base fitness center is hosting two events, a fitness

challenge and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The fitness challenge is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the basketball tournament is from 3-5 p.m.

For those interested in food and entertainment, the enlisted club is hosting a luncheon and a fashion show and talent revue.

Those interested in getting involved with the show or revue may call Master Sgt. Carla Mack at 652-2457.

The luncheon is scheduled for Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Olga Samples Davis, author of Things My Mama Told Me: The Wisdom That Shapes Our Lives.

The fashion show and talent revue is scheduled for Feb. 25 from 7-10 p.m.

On Feb. 15, the dining facility offers a special menu in celebration of African American Heritage Month, from 10:30

a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal includes southern fried catfish, barbecue chicken, brisket, and a variety of vegetables.

The golf course is having a tournament Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. It will be a four person scramble.

The cost is \$22 for members and \$30 for non-members, which includes food, cart fees and prizes. Payment and check-in starts at noon.

To register, call Staff Sgt. Latonia Brown at 652-2457 before Feb. 9.

The chapel hosts a Gospel Fest Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. in Chapel 2. The event will include choirs from the base and local community, praise dancers, mimes, soloists, children and adult singers and gospel step dancers.

There will also be an investment seminar Feb. 22 from 11:30 to 1 p.m. in the chapel center. The seminar provides

information on how to plan and work towards personal financial goals. A free lunch is provided for participants.

The base elementary school is also participating in African American History Month, with a school program called "Celebrating Diversity: Black History Program" Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The program includes poetry readings, singing, dancing and historical trivia. For more information on the school event, call 357-2345.

"The base is invited to come out and celebrate African American History Month," said Capt. Kimberly Wallace, Black Cultural Awareness Association. "Each of the events will be one of a kind."

For more information on any of these events, or to sign up for an event, call Tech. Sgt. Chrystel Harris at 565-4906, or Captain Wallace at 652-5016.

Force protection becomes sticky business

Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Randolph Security Forces Airmen are now equipped with one of the latest tools for law enforcement, a retractable baton.

This week, the 12th Security Forces Squadron conducted training for base law enforcement people on the use of the new batons. Tech. Sgt. Hugo Guerrero, squadron training NCOIC, told the Airmen they would be certified to carry the batons as soon as they completed the training.

The key to knowing when to use the batons, the sergeant said, is to understand the force continuum.

“This is a concept for determining the level of force needed for any situation. The continuum begins with the effect of simply having a uniformed law enforcement official visible on the scene, to dialog with the actors. Most police activity takes place at those lower levels,” he said.

“The continuum goes on to physical escort, controlling the situation through pain such as arm holds, use of chemical sprays and finally use of deadly force,” said the sergeant. “The baton gives us another option before using deadly force. That’s why it’s important to know when and how to use it.”

Law enforcement officers must maintain situational awareness to decide what level of force is required.

“That means we evaluate the age, gender, size, number and skill level of the actors. The decision about use of force must also consider the support an officer can expect from other law enforcement people on the scene,” he explained.

“Having the option to choose the level of force required to control the situation is important not only for the officer but also for the public,” Sergeant Guerrero said. “Our legal obligation is to never use more force than is necessary for the immediate situation.”

The baton is a three-segment, steel baton, much smaller than the old wood nightstick some police carried for decades. When retracted, the baton is small enough to carry conveniently on the officer’s web belt. It can be used as a short striking weapon or it extends to its full 26-inch length instantly with a simple arm motion.



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Moody, 12th Security Forces Squadron, teaches Senior Airman Jana Sautter, 12th SFS, how to use the retractable baton with force against an assailant during a training class Tuesday at Hangar 4. (Photo by Steve White)

Leaving the force manned

By Richard Salomon
Air Force Manpower Agency Public Affairs

Col. William Bennett Jr., Air Force Manpower Agency commander, retired Wednesday at the officers’ club.

After 34 years of Air Force service, Colonel Bennett admits his retirement is a bittersweet experience for him.

“I have had so many great opportunities and experiences that would have been difficult to match if I had taken another career path,” he said. “At the top of that list, was the opportunity to work with so many people that live and breathe the Air Force’s core values – a fact that was never more true than with the men and women of the Air Force Manpower Agency.”

Colonel Bennett has held numerous commander and senior management positions throughout his career. At his previous assignment, he was chief of the Requirements and Utilization Division, Manpower and Organization, at Headquarters U.S. Air Force. Under his leadership, the division developed “Total Force” manpower requirements that included more than 720,000 active duty, Reserve and civilian authorizations worth about \$30 billion in Total Obligation Authority.

During the colonel’s two years at AFMA, the Competitive Sourcing Division was activated to provide all major commands critical expertise on their competitive sourcing studies, commonly referred to as A-76. He helped transform an inexperienced group into robust, high-visibility “strike” teams that resolved a variety of manpower and financial issues.

Under his guidance, the agency crafted the Air Force’s first centralized approach to Capability-Based Manpower



“I have had so many great opportunities and experiences...”

Col. William Bennett Jr.
Retired AFMA commander

Determinants – the most dramatic change to the manpower determination process in the last 40 years. Based on a tasking from the Air Force Chief of Staff, Colonel Bennett developed and implemented the new methodology to quantify manpower requirements by capability for all Air Force Concepts of Operation. This methodology encompassed all Air Force active duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and civilian resources.

In addition, the 1st Manpower Requirements Squadron – the first of five squadrons to determine manpower requirements Air Force-wide – was activated under the new manpower capabilities concept.

During the colonel’s tenure, AFMA worked top-level efforts such as the Air Force Climate Survey and the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award, the Air Force’s flagship organizational performance award. As commander, Colonel Bennett led a historic review of workload stress on home station personnel resulting from heavy deployments for the global war on terrorism. The review covered 75 wings and 149 Air Force Specialty Codes and led to the relief of stressed personnel Air Force-wide by realigning 4,700 authorizations to critically stressed career fields.

Colonel Bennett also served as a diplomatic representative by formulating and presenting Air Force manpower programs to the Argentinean Air Force Chief of Staff.

“To serve as the AFMA commander was truly a distinct honor and privilege and was certainly the ‘cherry on top’ of my Air Force career,” said Colonel Bennett.

Some of the colonel’s awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (five oak leaf clusters), the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Global War on Terror Service Medal.

AFMA is a field operating agency that reports directly to Headquarters U.S. Air Force’s Directorate of Manpower and Organization. The agency plays a key role in measuring and documenting the Air Force’s manpower requirements.

AETC Mission Support Awards announced

By Bob Hieronymus
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Headquarters Air Education and Training Command recently announced the mission support awards for fiscal year 2004.

Nine Randolph members were individually recognized and one team was singled out for its work. Winners will now go on to the Air Force-level competition.

At the major command level, the following AETC people were recognized:

Outstanding personnel managers

Senior personnel manager: Maj. Robert Romer

Personnel superintendent: Master Sgt. Michelle Meyer

Personnel specialist: Staff Sgt. Claudia Salazar

Outstanding military equal opportunity individual

Senior master Sgt. Martin Culver
Air Force Education and Training manager

Senior Master Sgt. James Flood

Outstanding civilian personnel FOA action officer

Category II-A: Deborah Horton

At the Randolph base level, the following people were recognized:

Enlisted professional military education achievement award

Category IV: Master Sgt. Marc LaMontagne, Airman Leadership School

Air Force Education and Training manager

Category II-A: Master Sgt. Renee Harris
Outstanding civilian personnel senior program manager

Category II-B: Jesse Solano

The Colonel L. Joseph Brown military equal opportunity office award, category II, was presented to the 12th Flying Training Wing's Military Equal Opportunity Office.

The 12th MEO, with six Airmen assigned, serves 45 tenant units and 24 geographically separated units. This includes Headquarters AETC, the Air Force Personnel Center, HQ 19th Air Force and HQ Air Force Recruiting Service. These units represent a total of more than 13,000 people.

The MEO completed a record 21 Unit Climate Assessments in 11 months, gathering information from more than 2,000 personnel to help unit commanders better understand the morale of their people. In addition, they performed a short notice UCA for an Air Force Reserve Group with 500 members.



Staff Sgt. Susan Edmonds, 12th Flying Training Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office, briefs Randolph's latest arrivals on services available through the MEO office. (Photo by Steve White)

Another significant program was a special briefing for 60 Army personnel arriving on base to augment the base security forces to acquaint them with the equal opportunity policies of the Air Force before they began operations here.

A special accomplishment of the MEO was the creation of a program for children ages 6 to 12 entitled "Accept Me For Who I Am." The program, a first for Air Force units, has been adopted for the permanent summer curriculum at the Randolph Youth Center.

Family support center assists with job searching

By Jennifer Valentin
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For those who are looking for a new job - spouses who just moved to Randolph or for retirees who want to try something different - the career focus program is available. The career focus program at the family support center offers job listings and one-on-one counseling.

"Our career focus program is a great place to start when looking for a job," said Charlotte Noll, career focus program manager. "We have resources available for those who are just starting out or those who have been involved in the job market for a while."

Job announcements provided by local and national employers are posted regularly on the bulletin board. Computers are also available in the program's resource center for job searching and preparing resumes.

The career focus program also shares the basics of interviewing skills, said Ms. Noll.

"We want to help people who do get a job interview to present themselves the best way they can," said Ms. Noll. "We offer suggestions on what people should bring with them to an interview, how to dress and how to speak to interviewers."

For those who are job hunting and want to improve their resume, a resume writing workshop is offered at the family support center Wednesday from 8-11 a.m.

"The resume writing workshop teaches attendees how to write a professional resume that will catch employers' attention," said Ms. Noll. "We teach the basics at the workshop, from what to include in a resume to how to present it."

Active duty members, civilians, retirees and dependents are able to use the career focus program.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call Ms. Noll at 652-5321.



Bobby Jones searches for job openings at the family support center's career resource center. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

A silent killer

Deadly carbon monoxide has many sources

By Daniel Vandergriff
Randolph Fire and Emergency Service Flight

Vehicle exhaust made carbon monoxide infamous. What's amazing is that many people still assume it only comes from vehicles. Carbon monoxide comes from many different sources. This gas is a by-product of incomplete combustion. Translation: wood, coal, natural gas, gasoline, diesel fuel, propane and many other things create carbon monoxide when burning. If one of these products is burning, there is carbon monoxide present.

According to the National Safety Council, 400 gas poisoning deaths occurred in the year 2000, 300 of which were in homes. Those at the highest risk for carbon monoxide poisoning are the very young and the very old.

Tips for protecting your family from carbon monoxide:

- Purchase a carbon monoxide detector for the home. They can be found in or near the smoke detector section of most

department stores.

- Mount the carbon monoxide detector in a central location outside each sleeping area.
- Test the carbon monoxide detector monthly.
- If equipped, replace the detector battery annually or as needed.
- Leave the home if your detector activates; never assume it is a false activation. Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and otherwise undetectable without specialized monitoring equipment.
- Contact the local fire department for assistance with alarm activations.

Ways to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Pull vehicles outside the garage while warming them up in the morning. Simply leaving the garage door open during warming will not remove carbon monoxide vapors.
- Have fuel burning household heating equipment professionally inspected annually.

- When using a fireplace ensure the flue is fully opened.
- Never heat the home with a gas oven.
- Use barbeque grills outside, at least 10 feet from the house.
- If residing off base and purchasing new heating or cooking equipment, ensure it is listed by a recognized independent testing agency.
- When camping use battery powered lights and heaters.

Carbon monoxide detectors are making their way into homes and are standing along side smoke detectors in the battle to prevent injury and death, but they're not common enough.

Placing one in the home is the first step to preventing accidental carbon monoxide poisoning. Once a home has a detector, home owners and residents should pay attention to it. If the detector activates, leave the home quickly and call the fire department from a neighbor's house.

For more information, call the Randolph Fire and Emergency Service Flight at 652-7657.

Club members heading to Super Bowl, Pro Bowl

By Karen Krull
12th Services Division

For the second time in four years, Randolph Enlisted Club member, Nancy Fugate, a base commissary employee, won a Football Frenzy Super Bowl Trip. Ms. Fugate travels to Jacksonville, Fla. for the Feb. 6 Super Bowl.

“How many times in a lifetime can someone say they’ve won a trip to the Super Bowl? I can’t believe that I am going for a second time” said Ms. Fugate. “We have to show up. We support the club. My husband Randy and I have been here every Monday since the beginning of this football season and I only missed four or five Sundays because I had to work.”

Ms. Fugate also won other prizes, such as club bucks, t-shirts, a six-pack cooler and hats. Last year, during the Super Bowl Football Frenzy party at the enlisted club, Ms. Fugate won \$280 in NFL bucks good for shopping on the NFL internet store.

Ms. Fugate and her husband leave Feb. 3 to join the three other winning couples, for an all-expense-paid, five-day trip. “Last time, Miller Lite’s people had a party each night for us.



Nancy Fugate, a base commissary employee, won a trip to the Feb. 6 Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

We were given tickets for Universal Studios in Orlando and even our own rental car,” said Ms. Fugate. “We made new friends and, even though we could have gone on our own after the beginning ceremony of the Super Bowl, we hung

out with the other winners because the events they planned for us were so much fun. I can’t wait to do this again!”

Ms. Fugate was one of the four winners in the Football Frenzy drawing, sponsored by Miller Brewing Company, American Airlines, Double Tree Hotels, Members First, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Nitelife Entertainment and USAF Services.

Randolph had several other winners. Wallace Kirk won a trip to Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii, which includes airfare, entertainment, and a week’s accommodations to see the Pro Bowl from Feb. 11 through 14.

Second Lt. Andrew Keil won the same Pro-Bowl trip from the drawing at the officers’ club. Only five Air Force club members from worldwide club entries were chosen in the drawing.

Club members still have the chance to enter to win prizes. Members can show up at Gil’s Pub in the enlisted club, or at the Auger Inn in the officers’ club to watch the games and fill out the entry form at the door.

For more information, call the base clubs.

Library resources available online

By Karen Krull
12th Services Division

A library card can be a key to unlock a treasure chest of information. Not only does a Randolph Library card allow customers to check out books, CD’s, cassettes, and videos, but it can also provides access to over 40,000 libraries from a home computer.

Whether a high school student or attending Air War College, library customers are invited to come in to the library, with a military or civilian ID, to become an online research partner with the Online Computer Library Center and the Randolph Library Web Site.

Anyone with a Randolph Library Card may access the library from any computer to either browse the local library or access the OCLC. While browsing the local library, the patron can see all media that is in the library’s catalog.

If an item is currently checked out or not available, it can be placed on alert and reserved. The program will send an e-mail or alert staff to call the customer when the item becomes available. The item is placed on hold for three business days.

The next step is to stop by the library and



Randolph Library Technician Darla Kelly helps customer Cathy Mott check out after visiting the library. (Photo by Karen Krull)

pick up the reserved item. Items that show available status may be picked up at the library.

Movies, DVD or VHS, and magazine periodicals can be checked out for one week, test preparation materials can be

checked out for two weeks, and everything else has a three-week limit.

When working on a term paper or other research, students can access full text articles from hundreds of commercial and professional journals, all from the comfort of a home computer, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Available journals cover all topics from Consumer Reports to the Air Force Journal of Logistics. To ensure everyone has access to the site, there is a time out feature on the OCLC which will automatically log customers out after a period of inactivity.

Another feature of the online services is the Peterson’s Library Education Resource Center where customers get free access to an online database search of schools and programs offered, as well as online practice tests.

The Randolph Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit the library Web site at www.rafblibrary.org, or call 652-2617.

Randolph youth places in AETC photo contest



Emily Blauvelt takes photos at the youth center with her digital camera. Emily won first and second places in the AETC level photography contest recently. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

A Randolph youth recently placed at the Air Education and Training Command level photography contest.

Seventeen year-old Emily Blauvelt placed first in the military life category with her photo “Tomb of the Unknown,” and second in the scenic/nature-digital category with her photo called “Nature’s Monument.”

“I feel ecstatic about winning the contest,” said Emily. “I entered the contest because I like taking pictures and I hope to be a professional photographer someday.”

Emily also said she enjoys photography because special moments in life can be captured in a photograph forever.

“My favorite thing to take photos of is nature scenes and military people,” added Emily.

Emily’s father, Master Sgt. Edward Blauvelt, formerly assigned to the 19th Air Force and currently stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., also placed in the contest. He placed first in the people-digital, creative effects-digital, military life-digital, and computer imaging enhancement-digital categories; and second in the scenic/nature-digital, creative effects-digital, people-digital, and computer imaging enhancement-digital categories.

Emily and her father now have the chance to enter the upcoming Air Force level photography contest.

The base-level photography contests took place in November 2004. Emily took her winning photos while in Washington, D.C. for the Youth of the Year ceremony in June 2004.

Emily was also successful in last year’s contest, winning first and second place recognition.



Emily Blauvelt's first place photo “Tomb of the Unknown” (above) and her second place photo “Nature’s Monument” (below)



Larsen lets loose

12th MDG takes flag football championship

By Jeff Palombo
Wingspread contributor

Despite a valiant effort by Air Education and Training Command Computer Support Systems Squadron that culminated in a 21-18 defeat of previously unbeaten 12th Medical Group and forced a sudden death championship game, repeating that effort on consecutive attempts proved to be too much to ask.

The 12th MDG squad rebounded in the “if necessary” game and beat CSS 18-7 to capture the base intramural flag football championship Jan. 19 at Grater Field.

Because 12th MDG came into the game undefeated, CSS, with one loss coming in, would have had to defeat 12th MDG twice in a row to win the championship.

It was a turnover-plagued first half for CSS in the deciding game, making it an uphill battle from the start. Two first half interceptions thrown by CSS quarterback Bret Robinson saw 12th MDG in the driver’s seat early and often. The aforementioned driver of 12th MDG’s offensive juggernaut being quarterback Alex Larsen, who was the proverbial thorn in CSS’s side for the duration of the contest.

“Keeping calm was challenging,” said Larsen. “But we rose above it to do what we needed to win.”

Doing his best Michael Vick impersonation, Larsen scrambled deep into CSS territory before punching it in on the next play. The point after was no good, but it wouldn’t matter. Moments after his initial score, Larsen picked off a pass by Robinson and promptly returned it to the CSS five-yard line. Shortly thereafter, Larsen hooked up with Mark Myers on a short pass play, giving 12th MDG a formidable 12-0 lead going into halftime.

Undaunted, Robinson led CSS’s march downfield, punctuated by a 20-yard touchdown pass to Stephen Rowell. Robinson then made good on the point after with a nifty lob pass to Dwayne Perry and CSS was back in business, narrowing the score to 12-7.

However, if CSS thought they had seen the last of Larsen, they soon found out otherwise. Larsen and Ted Burgess combined on a well-designed pitch-and-pass play that saw 12th MDG gain 40-yards. The play worked so well they did it again, this time resulting in a diving score from Larsen, the ball breaking not only the plane but the hearts of team CSS.

Down 18-7 and with their backs against the wall, CSS



Alex Hernandez, 12th MDG, dodges the defense of James Walejewski, AETC/CSS, to find an open player to pass to for a touch down. (Photo by Steve White)

mustered one last drive during which Robinson connected with Perry and then Aaron Everhardt. But when Rowell dropped a pass in the end zone, CSS’s hopes of a miracle comeback were dashed.

SPORTS BRIEFS

African American Heritage Basketball Tournament

Join the fitness center for the African American Heritage Basketball Tournament Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. and Feb. 12-13 at 9 a.m.
For more information, call the fitness center at 652-5316.

Sweetheart Run

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with the Randolph Fitness Center staff at Eberle Park Feb. 14 at 7 a.m. by participating in the 5k fun run/walk. All Department of Defense ID cardholders are welcome.
For more information, call 652-5316.

Flying high

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Ro-Hawk varsity player, Emma Przybyslawski, flies past the Eagles’ defense for a layup during Tuesday night’s game against Johnson City High School. Przybyslawski was the Ro-Hawks’ high scorer with 24 points. It was a hard fought match up against the Lady Eagles, but Randolph fell 43-40. The team is currently tied for fourth in the state Class 2A rankings. The Lady Ro-Hawks travel to Navarro for a game tonight. (Photo by Steve White)